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**PATENT
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:)
Walter Best) Art Unit: 1772
Serial No. 09/989,719) Examiner: Brian P. Egan
Filing Date: November 21, 2001) Atty. Dkt. 16202.660
Title: Textile Web, Especially a)
Textile-Covered Web for a)
Paper-Making Machine)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
& Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated January 7, 2004, Applicant re-submits the Response and Amendment previously submitted on December 9, 2003, with proper status identifiers for each claim.

Applicant had provided status identifiers for each claim in the Response filed December 9, 2003. Following a telephone conversation with the Legal Instruments Examiner, Applicant was advised that claims identified as "previously amended" in the Response must be identified as "previously presented". Applicant has amended the claim identifiers accordingly. No other amendments or changes have been made to the claims, or the remarks submitted with the Response.

It is believed that no fee is due with this submission. Should that determination be incorrect, then please debit Account No. 50-0548 and notify the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. C. Schrot', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2003, please enter the following amendments and reconsider the application in amended form.